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APR 19, 1973 FROM SECSTATE REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE L I M I T E D O F F I C I A L U S E STATE 073884

E. O. 11652 N/ A
TAGS: IAEA TECH
SUBJECT: FOREIGN OBSERVERS AT RIO BLANCO TEST

1. RIOBLANCOUNDERGROUND NUCLEAR GAS STIMULATION EXPLOSION TO BE CONDUCTED IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, IS NOW TENATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NO EARLIER THAN MIDDLE OF MAY. AEC PRESS RELEASE TO THIS EFFECT ISSUED IN LAS VEGAS AND GRAND JUNCTION APRIL 12. WE WISH TO MINIMIZE FOREIGN ATTENTION ON THIS TEST TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. IF ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE APPROACHED BY HOST COUNTRIES WITH INQUIRIES AS TO POSSIBILITY OF FOREIGN OBSERVERS BEING PRESENT, POSTS SHOULD RESPOND ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

2. ATTENDANCE BY FOREIGN OBSERVERS AT TEST IS NOT BEING ENCOURAGED FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:
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A. TEST WILL OCCUR IN REMOTE REGION OF COLORADO.
B. AUTOMOBILE DRIVING TIME FROM NEAREST ACCOMMODATIONS IS ABOUT TWO HOURS.
C. TEST MAY BE POSTPONED FROM DAY TO DAY BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL OR OTHER PROBLEMS.
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D. OBSERVERS WILL NOT HAVE DIRECT VIEW OF TEST SITE, AND SURFACE EFFECTS AT CLOSEST OBSERVATION POI NT WILL BE MINIMAL.
E. NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO CONDUCT BRIEFINGS OR SEMINARS OF A TECHNICAL NATURE AT SITE.

3. POSTS MAY RESPOND, IF ASKED, THAT IF A HOST COUNTRY NEVERTHELESS WISHES TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE TEST IT MAY FORWARD A REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE TO AEC WASHINGTON, ATTENTION DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, THROUGH THE USUAL CHANNELS ESTABLISHED BY AEC FOR FOREIGN VISITOR ACCESS TO AEC PROGRAMS. SUCH REQUEST WILL BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION.

4. FOR PARIS: TWO CEA EMPLOYEES, A. SARCIA AND C. AYCOBERRY, HAVE APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO OBSERVE TEST THROUGH CEA- AEC CHANNELS, AT INVITATION OF U. S. RIO BLANCO PRIVATE CONTRACTOR, CER GEONUCLEAR. AEC HAS INDICATED NO OBJECTION TO CEA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE INDICATED ABOVE.

5. FOR US MISSION IAEA VIENNA: CONSISTENT WITH FOREGOING, IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE SENT PERSONAL INVITATION AS ON GASBUGGY AND RULISON. ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT APPEAR USEFUL FOR IAEA TO ATTEND, MISSION MAY RESPOND IF ASKED THAT US WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE IAEA REPRESENTED, NOTING FACTORS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND FACT THAT OBSERVATION WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE IN CONTEXT INFCIRC/169.

6. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT APPROACHES TO THEM ON
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THIS SUBJECT. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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